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August 30, 2007

BY HAND

Hon Shira A. Scheindlin, U.S.D.J.  
United States District Court  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street, Room 1620  
New York, New York 10007

Re: *Matthews v. Hernandez et al.*, 07 Civ. 6281 (SAS)

Dear Judge Scheindlin:

I represent defendant New York City Housing Authority and its Chairman, Tino Hernandez, in the above matter. I write on behalf of the parties to request a one-month extension of defendants' time to respond to the complaint, and an adjournment of the initial pretrial conference, currently scheduled for September 11, 2007.

The parties are actively engaged in settlement discussions at present, and we are reasonably optimistic that we can reach an amicable agreement. In order to conclude a settlement, however, the parties require more time to obtain additional information and to engage in further discussion regarding the precise terms of a settlement.

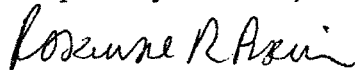
Accordingly, the parties request that the Court "so order" the enclosed stipulation adjourning the defendants' time to answer from September 7, 2007 to October 12, 2007. In addition, the parties request that the Court issue an order rescheduling the initial pretrial conference from September 11, 2007 to any time after October 12. The initial pretrial conference has not been previously adjourned, and a proposed rescheduling order is enclosed.

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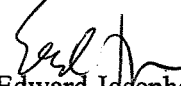
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If the Court has any questions or requires additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK  
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TRACY MATTHEWS,

Plaintiff,

-against-

TINO HERNANDEZ, as Chairman of  
the New York City Housing  
Authority, and the NEW YORK CITY  
HOUSING AUTHORITY,

Defendants.  
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**ORDER ADJOURNING  
INITIAL PRETRIAL  
CONFERENCE**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the initial pretrial conference  
in the above-captioned action is adjourned from September 11,  
2007, to \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m., at the United  
States Courthouse, 500 Pearl Street, New York, Courtroom 15C.

Dated: New York, New York  
August \_\_\_\_, 2007

SO ORDERED:

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U.S.D.J.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
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TRACY MATTHEWS,

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-against-

TINO HERNANDEZ, as Chairman of  
the New York City Housing  
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**STIPULATION  
OF ADJOURNMENT**

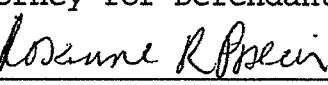
IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between the  
undersigned, that defendants' time to respond to the Complaint  
is hereby extended from September 7, 2007 to October 12, 2007.

Dated: New York, New York  
August 30, 2007

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SO ORDERED:

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U.S.D.J.